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1 Beating in-order stalls with "flea-flicker" two-pass pipelining

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Accommodating the uncertain latency of load instructions is one of the most vexing problems in in-order microarchitecture design and compiler development. Compilers can generate schedules with a high degree of in-level parallelism but cannot effectively accommodate unanticipated latencies; incorporating traditional out-of-order execution into the microarchitecture hides some of this latency but redundantly performs work done by the compiler's additional pipeline stages. Although effectiv ...

2 Formal verification in hardware design: a survey

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In recent years, formal methods have emerged as an alternative approach to ensuring the quality and correctness of designs, overcoming some of the limitations of traditional validation techniques such as simulation and testing. Main aspects to the application of formal methods in a design process: the formal framework used to specify properties of a design and the verification techniques and tools used to reason about the relationship between ...

Keywords: case studies, formal methods, formal verification, hardware verification, language containment, m survey, theorem proving

3 Pipeline Architecture

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4 Compiler transformations for high-performance computing

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In the last three decades a large number of compiler transformations for optimizing programs have been implemented. These optimizations for uniprocessors reduce the number of instructions executed by the program using transformat

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the analysis of scalar quantities and data-flow techniques. In contrast, optimizations for high-performance sup and parallel processors maximize parallelism and memory locality with transformations that rely on tracking t o ...

Keywords: compilation, dependence analysis, locality, multiprocessors, optimization, parallelism, superscal vectorization

5 A survey of processors with explicit multithreading

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Hardware multithreading is becoming a generally applied technique in the next generation of microprocessors multithreaded processors are announced by industry or already into production in the areas of high-performa microprocessors, media, and network processors. A multithreaded processor is able to pursue two or more thr parallel within the processor pipeline. The contexts of two or more threads of control are often stored in separ register sets. Unused i ...

Keywords: Blocked multithreading, interleaved multithreading, simultaneous multithreading

6 Performance comparison of ILP machines with cycle time evaluation

Tetsuya Hara, Hideki Ando, Chikako Nakanishi, Masao Nakaya

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Many studies have investigated performance improvement through exploiting instruction-level parallelism (ILP particular architecture. Unfortunately, these studies indicate performance improvement using the number of c required to execute a program, but do not quantitatively estimate the penalty imposed on the cycle time from Since the performance of a microprocessor must be measured by its execution time, a cycle time evaluation i as a cy ...

7 Enhancing software reliability with speculative threads

Jeffrey Oplinger, Monica S. Lam

October 2002 **Proceedings of the 10th international conference on Architectural support for programm and operating systems**, Volume 37 , 36 , 30 Issue 10 , 5 , 5

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This paper advocates the use of a monitor-and-recover programming paradigm to enhance the reliability of so proposes an architectural design that allows software and hardware to cooperate in making this paradigm mo easier to program. We propose that programmers write monitoring functions assuming simple sequential exec Our architecture speeds up the computation by executing the monitoring functions speculatively in parallel wi computation. For ...

8 Value-based clock gating and operation packing: dynamic strategies for improving processor power an

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The large address space needs of many current applications have pushed processor designs toward 64-bit wo Although full 64-bit addresses and operations are indeed sometimes needed, arithmetic operations on much s are still more common. In fact, another instruction set trend has been the introduction of instructions geared operations on 16-bit quantities. For examples, most major processors now include instruction set support for operation ...

9 System-level power optimization: techniques and tools

Luca Benini, Giovanni de Micheli

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This tutorial surveys design methods for energy-efficient system-level design. We consider electronic systems hardware platform and software layers. We consider the three major constituents of hardware that consume energy: computation, communication, and storage units, and we review methods of reducing their energy consumption. Models for analyzing the energy cost of software, and methods for energy-efficient software design and compilation are surveyed ...

10 Resource allocation in a high clock rate microprocessor

Michael Upton, Thomas Huff, Trevor Mudge, Richard Brown

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This paper discusses the design of a high clock rate (300MHz) processor. The architecture is described, and the design principles are explained. The performance of three processor models is evaluated using trace-driven simulation. A methodology is used to estimate the resources required to build processors with varying sizes of on-chip memories, in both superscalar and VLIW models. Recommendations are then made to increase the effectiveness of each of the models.

Keywords: decoupled architecture, floating point latencies, nonblocking cache, pipelining, prefetching, resource management, superscalar

11 Integrated predicated and speculative execution in the IMPACT EPIC architecture

David I. August, Daniel A. Connors, Scott A. Mahlke, John W. Sias, Kevin M. Crozier, Ben-Chung Cheng, Patrick B. Olaniran, Wen-mei W. Hwu

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Explicitly Parallel Instruction Computing (EPIC) architectures require the compiler to express program instructions in parallelism directly to the hardware. EPIC techniques which enable the compiler to represent control flow, dependence speculation, and predication have individually been shown to be very effective. However, these techniques have not been studied in combination with each other. This paper presents the IMPACT EPIC Architecture to address the challenges involved in design ...

12 WISQ: a restartable architecture using queues

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In this paper, the WISQ architecture is described. This architecture is designed to achieve high performance by combining compiler technology and using a highly segmented pipeline. By having a highly segmented pipeline, a very high clock rate can be used. Since a highly segmented pipeline will require relatively long pipelines, a way must be provided to handle the effects of pipeline bubbles that are formed due to data and control dependencies. It is also important to provide a way to restart the pipeline after a bubble has occurred.

13 Fast detection of communication patterns in distributed executions

Thomas Kunz, Michiel F. H. Seuren

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Understanding distributed applications is a tedious and difficult task. Visualizations based on process-time diagrams are often used to obtain a better understanding of the execution of the application. The visualization tool we use is Poe, developed at the University of Waterloo. However, these diagrams are often very complex and do not provide the desired overview of the application. In our experience, such tools display repeated occurrences of non-trivial communication patterns.

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15 Specification and verification of pipelining in the ARM2 RISC microprocessor

James K. Huggins, David Van Campenhout

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Gurevich Abstract State Machines (ASMs) provide a sound mathematical basis for the specification and verification of the behavior of sequential circuits. An application of the ASM methodology to the verification of a pipelined microprocessor (an ARM2 implementation) is described. Both the sequential execution model and final pipelined model are formalized using ASMs. A series of intermediate models are introduced that gradually expose the complications of pipelining. The first intermediate model is presented ...

Keywords: ARM processor, abstract state machines, design verification, formal verification, pipelined processor

16 Unconstrained speculative execution with predicated state buffering

Hideki Ando, Chikako Nakanishi, Tetsuya Hara, Masao Nakaya

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Speculative execution is execution of instructions before it is known whether these instructions should be executed. Conventional speculative execution has the potential to achieve both a high instruction per cycle rate and high clock frequency. Compiler-based approaches, however, have greatly limited instruction scheduling due to a limited ability to handle speculative execution. Significant performance improvement is, thus, difficult in non-numerical applications ...

17 Semi-formal test generation with genevieve

Julia Dushina, Mike Benjamin, Daniel Geist

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This paper describes the first application of the Genevieve test generation methodology. The Genevieve approach is based on formal techniques derived from "model-checking" to generate test suites for specific behaviours of the design. An "interesting" behaviour is claimed to be unreachable. If a path from an initial state to the state of interest does not exist, a counter-example is generated. The sequence of states specifies a test for the desired behaviour. ...

18 Efficient superscalar performance through boosting

Michael D. Smith, Mark Horowitz, Monica S. Lam

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The foremost goal of superscalar processor design is to increase performance through the exploitation of instruction-level parallelism (ILP). Previous studies have shown that speculative execution is required for high instruction per cycle rates in non-numerical applications. The general trend has been toward supporting speculative execution in complex dynamically-scheduled processors. Performance, though, is more than just a high IPC rate; it also depends upon the count ...

19 Speculative multithreaded processors

Pedro Marcuello, Antonio González, Jordi Tubella

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Keywords: control speculation, data dependence speculation, data speculation, dynamically scheduled processor, multithreaded processor

20 Architecture 2: Dual path instruction processing

Juan L. Aragón, José González, Antonio González, James E. Smith

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The reasons for performance losses due to conditional branch mispredictions are first studied. Branch mispred are broken into three categories: pipeline-fill penalty, window-fill penalty, and serialization penalty. The first a produce most of the performance loss, but the second is also significant. Previously proposed dual (or multi) p methods attempt to reduce all three penalties, but these methods are also quite complex. Most of the comple

Keywords: branch misprediction penalty, confidence estimation, dual path processing, pre-scheduling

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